

It seems as if it never would cease to be a matter of astonishment how some men of only moderate means obtain credit. Such an one is D. C. Clarke, trading in boots and shoes, under the style of Flett & Clarke, at Brantford. His capital at starting, a few years ago, was very limited, but his assignment just announced, discloses liabilities of \$10,000 and assets of \$6,000. The assignee, Mr. F. H. Lamb, has called a meeting of creditors for the 17th.—It is thought probable that the offer of 45 cents on the dollar, now made by J. G. Robinson, dry goods dealer in this city, will be accepted.—C. J. Arthur, piano, Berlin, has assigned, and so have A. Dinwoodie & Co., general store men at Campbellford. This is an old established business.—Making one of a syndicate which built a block of stores in Gravenhurst, P. Shea, dealer in boots and shoes there, finds that this venture has so crippled his business that an assignment is necessary.

HAVING lost his license in May, John Kincaid, a hotel-keeper in London, found his occupation, like Othello, gone, and has now been closed up under a chattel mortgage.—When the Alpha Oil Company of Sarnia went into liquidation in 1888, it was succeeded by the Sarnia Oil Company. This has been a losing venture, and an assignment has been made.—In addition to their high-class millinery establishment, known to frequenters

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of King street as the "Atradome," Nolan & Hickson were the projectors of the Colonial Parasol & Umbrella Company. This concern was afterwards acquired by one J. W. Fraser, who paid, it is said, \$20,000 for the plant. An assignee is now in charge.—Campbell & May, the assignees, are looking into the affairs of J. H. Lemaitre & Co., photographers, in this city, who have failed.—Coming from Barrie, where they worked as journeymen nearly three years ago, McAllister & Johnston started as merchant tailors in Toronto. Their success has not been brilliant, and they now show assets of \$900 to pay liabilities of \$1,700. It is thought that but little will be realized for creditors.

THE SHERBROOKE EXHIBITION.

One is always sure to see a good show when he attends the annual exhibition of the Eastern Townships' Agricultural Association. There is an element in the population thereabout that manifests the shrewdness, the pluck, and the industry that result in success. No visitor will deny that the residents of the district are in the front rank as farmers, horse and cattle breeders. Nor can any one gainsay the industrial enlightenment and activity of Sherbrooke any more than he will refuse to admit her picturesqueness of situation, and the hospitable charm of her residents.

The sixth annual exhibition of the E. T. Association was held last week, and appears to have been quite successful both as regards display and attendance. The herds of Hon. M. H. Cochrane and other well-known breeders of cattle were represented, as usual, while several adjoining counties contributed to swell the list of exhibitors or prize-winners. A special prize of \$40 offered by the Eastern Townships Bank for the six best pair of oxen from any one town or county, was won by B. R. Labaree, of Bulwer in Compton County. They make good factory cheese and farm butter in that district, and in addition to

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prizes for dairy produce, there are always rewards for the choicest maple sugar, maple syrup, honey in the comb, and farm-cured bacon.

Of machinery and the products of machinery from all parts of the Dominion, a fair representation was present. For instance, the staple woollens of the Paton M'fg Co.; Chowen & Cunningham's ranges and cook stoves; the Bell organs and pianos; Gale & Sons' household goods. Then there were mining specimens, electrical goods, and the Manitoba exhibit.

—From the completed returns just received from Cape Town and Natal, it appears that the total shipments of native gold from South Africa for the half-year ended June 30 were valued at £858,537. The value of gold exported during the corresponding period of 1889 was £676,587, so that there has been an increase of £181,950. This shows steady progression in the output of gold from the mines, and, all things considered, is fairly satisfactory, though it does not come up to the sanguine expectations formed a year or two ago. Of the shipments from the Cape Colony £595,065 worth is accounted for in the usual way through the Customs. The balance (£22,881) went through the post-office.—Colonies and India.

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